

## Agency Activity Inventory by Agency

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**Agency:** 303 - Department of Health

### Administrative Activity

This activity provides the administrative functions for the Department of Health.

**Statewide Result Area:** Improve the health of Washington citizens

**Category:** Increase healthy behaviors

FY 2004				FY 2005			
Total	GFS	Other	FTEs	Total	GFS	Other	FTEs
\$2,783,000	\$2,011,000	\$772,000	23.5	\$2,782,000	\$2,000,000	\$782,000	23.4

#### Expected Results:

Results of this activity include executive leadership by the Secretary of Health, Deputy Secretary of Health and the State Health Officer; maintenance and monitoring of the agency strategic plan and alignment tools; agency and media communications; legislative and constituent relations; and administration of the agency rule development process.

### Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion

The Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Programs work to reduce and prevent the effects of diseases and injuries that cause premature death and disability. Programs contract with local health jurisdictions, community-based organizations, direct service providers, and the media to provide health education materials and information statewide, as well as assistance to local communities. Activities include tobacco prevention and control, addressing priority injury prevention issues, promoting regular physical activity and proper nutrition, diabetes prevention and control strategies, and breast and cervical cancer screenings and diagnostic services for eligible women, as well as capturing data on reportable cases of cancer; addressing issues and prevention strategies in the areas of sexual assault, rape, and domestic violence; identifying barriers affecting the health of people with disabilities; developing comprehensive plans to reduce the burden of cancer and cardiovascular disease; supporting youth suicide prevention; and supporting local health efforts to address priority health issues.

**Statewide Result Area:** Improve the health of Washington citizens

**Category:** Increase healthy behaviors

FY 2004				FY 2005			
Total	GFS	Other	FTEs	Total	GFS	Other	FTEs
\$45,799,000	\$2,972,000	\$42,827,000	79.6	\$44,794,000	\$2,930,000	\$41,864,000	92.4

#### Expected Results:

Results of this activity serve to prevent or reduce the incidence or effect of chronic illness, violence and suicide; reduce the number of adults smoking cigarettes and youth initiation to and use of tobacco products; provide over 27,405 breast and cervical cancer screenings for women; establish a state plan to address childcare and adolescent health issues; publish the first comprehensive cancer control plan for Washington; increase high school participation with the Youth Suicide Prevention Program; increase the percentage of pregnant women screened for domestic violence during pregnancy; and improve the capacity to prevent secondary disabilities.

### Drinking Water Protection

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The Department of Health (DOH) works with water system providers and communities to ensure the provision of safe drinking water to homes and businesses in Washington through the review of design, planning assistance, oversight of construction and operation, training of operators, water quality monitoring, field inspections, and necessary enforcement actions. DOH manages the federal dollars used to upgrade and improve community water systems and assists in ensuring public health safety associated with wastewater use. Programs and activities include water quality monitoring, field inspections, and necessary enforcement actions for Group A water systems--those with more than 15 connections or serving more than 25 customers. Other activities include design review of water systems, planning assistance and construction oversight, training for drinking water system operators, Group B water systems oversight; assuring proper wastewater treatment; providing technical assistance; and promoting water conservation to public water utilities and local governments. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Federal, General Fund-Private/Local, various other funds)

**Statewide Result Area:** Improve the health of Washington citizens

**Category:** Migrate environmental hazards

FY 2004				FY 2005			
Total	GFS	Other	FTEs	Total	GFS	Other	FTEs
\$18,937,000	\$3,175,000	\$15,762,000	153.1	\$18,601,000	\$3,127,000	\$15,474,000	151.9

### Expected Results:

Results of this activity serve to increase the percentage from 82 percent to 85 percent of Group A water systems (approximately 4,300 systems serving just under 5 million people) monitoring for coliform; maintain a 99 percent compliance rate with the maximum contaminant level of coliform for Group A water systems that are monitoring for coliform; increase percentage of Group A water systems monitoring for nitrate from 69 percent to 72 percent; maintain a 99 percent compliance rate with the maximum contaminant level of nitrate for Group A water systems that are monitoring for nitrate; increase percentage of Group A water systems with a current inspection from 45 percent to 60 percent.

## Emergency Preparedness and Response

Emergency Preparedness and Response coordinates the agency's effort to respond to a biological terrorism event or other public health emergency. Activities include education and training of responders; updated local and state response plans for treatment, medications, vaccines, or other response to protect public health; preparedness planning and response for radiological/nuclear emergencies; technical assistance; planning, education, and training to ensure Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and trauma system preparedness under the State Comprehensive Emergency and Trauma Plan; licensure, regulation and enforcement of EMS agencies; and education and intervention for the public and health providers. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Federal, various other funds)

**Statewide Result Area:** Improve the health of Washington citizens

**Category:** Identify and mitigate health risk factors

FY 2004				FY 2005			
Total	GFS	Other	FTEs	Total	GFS	Other	FTEs
\$24,765,000	\$3,851,000	\$20,914,000	60.8	\$22,289,000	\$3,868,000	\$18,421,000	61.1

### Expected Results:

Results of this activity serve to increase percentage of local health jurisdictions that have up to date public health emergency response plans to 100 percent; increase the percentage of local public health agencies, hospitals and emergency management agencies with 24/7 connectivity and communications with the state to 100 percent by 2005; and achieve and sustain a 99 percent survival rate for trauma patients who are expected to live based on Washington Trauma Registry data and nationally used Injury Severity Scores for trauma patients younger than 85 years of age.

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### Environmental Health and Safety

DOH provides environmental health and safety services to local health jurisdictions and communities through technical support, field studies, site inspections, development and administration of standards, and necessary enforcement actions. Activities include monitoring animal-borne diseases that might affect humans, assessing health risk associated with environmental contamination, addressing health and safety concerns associated with institutions, and inspecting and monitoring radiation sources. Also, the program conducts statewide surveillance; develops response plans; provides technical support and training for prevention and control of diseases transmitted from animals to humans, including West Nile Virus; provides field studies, site inspections, development, and administration of standards and necessary enforcement actions; provides services to federal and state agencies, local health jurisdictions, and communities to address health risks associated with exposure to hazardous waste, pesticides, and other environmental contamination; and resolves health and safety concerns associated with schools, water recreational facilities, and indoor air.

**Statewide Result Area:**    Improve the health of Washington citizens

**Category:**    Migrate environmental hazards

FY 2004				FY 2005			
Total	GFS	Other	FTEs	Total	GFS	Other	FTEs
\$9,126,000	\$1,717,000	\$7,409,000	112.1	\$9,429,000	\$1,751,000	\$7,678,000	105.0

#### Expected Results:

Results of this activity will increase the compliance rate of inspected X-ray facilities to 85 percent meeting compliance requirements by January 1, 2004.

### Epidemiology and Assessment

DOH activities under epidemiology and assessment are the primary tools used in public health to identify diseases and risks to the public. These science-based activities collect information through a variety of systems, including mandatory disease reporting and vital records. This information is analyzed to detect patterns, and results are used to prevent further spread of disease by taking actions such as closing restaurants, treating individuals who may have been exposed, or developing new policies to prevent the disease or exposure in the future. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Federal, various other funds)

**Statewide Result Area:**    Improve the health of Washington citizens

**Category:**    Identify and mitigate health risk factors

FY 2004				FY 2005			
Total	GFS	Other	FTEs	Total	GFS	Other	FTEs
\$10,480,000	\$1,935,000	\$8,545,000	33.5	\$3,271,000	\$2,065,000	\$1,206,000	36.0

#### Expected Results:

Results of this activity serve to identify, monitor and track children with a higher than normal concentration of lead in their bodies; collect and publish information reflecting prevalence, incidence, location and patient information for use in tracking and stopping disease outbreaks; define long-term vision of tools and resources required to support Community Health Assessments; provide technical advice to local health jurisdictions, the general public and public health planners; develop a technical assistance resource directory and clearinghouse of public health assessment information and promote access and use of this information; provide statistical information, collected from vital records and mandatory disease reporting, to prevent further spread of disease; provide planning and treatment information for health care providers and public health managers; provide educational health information for the general population; develop statewide intervention activities for asthma prevention, strengthen public health infrastructure for population-based approach to asthma and enhance the asthma surveillance data system

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### Food Safety and Shellfish Protection

DOH assists local health providers and the affected industry in safe food preparation through the development and administration of food safety standards, and the application of new food safety science and technology. DOH also conducts field inspections and monitors the safety of shellfish harvested for human consumption. Programs and activities include training and technical assistance food product recalls; investigating food-borne illness outbreaks; monitoring shellfish harvests and processing; evaluating pollution impacts in shellfish; and monitoring state-operated facilities that provide food services not regulated by local health jurisdictions. The department also works to restore environmental health and protect public health by working to reopen commercial and recreational shellfish beds that have been closed or reclassified due to pollution; and to prevent closure of shellfish areas still open but threatened. Activities include intensive water quality testing, stakeholder work to improve water quality, notifying shellfish growers and regulatory agencies about declining sanitary conditions, and assisting in the development of watershed management plans and closure response plans.

**Statewide Result Area:** Improve the health of Washington citizens

**Category:** Migrate environmental hazards

FY 2004				FY 2005			
Total	GFS	Other	FTEs	Total	GFS	Other	FTEs
\$3,127,000	\$2,718,000	\$409,000	41.2	\$3,269,000	\$2,692,000	\$577,000	42.4

#### Expected Results:

Results of this activity strive to achieve 90 percent attendance at the semi-annual food safety training presented for the food safety staff of local health jurisdictions, complete 100 percent of commercial shellfish growing area closures due to marine biotoxins within two hours of receipt of toxic laboratory results; notify 100 percent of licensed harvesters and fisheries patrol that the area is closed within four hours after a predictable pollution event has occurred in a conditionally approved shellfish growing area and within 24 hours after an unpredictable pollution event has occurred.

### Health Systems/Public Health Systems Development

DOH works through various programs to strengthen and assist in the development of health care and public health systems, including participation in the Public Health Improvement Partnership, system work to recruit and retain trauma and health care providers, trauma and health care delivery system infrastructure support, and access to health care services. The public health system relies on rapid, accurate collection and dissemination of information, with activities designed to strengthen the information collection, analysis and dissemination processes, and to assure that all information is kept secure and confidential. Activities include providing funds for trauma care, assisting rural hospitals to convert to Critical Access Hospital status, and assisting communities to attain Health Professional Shortage Area designation. Programs also maintain critical systems for securely collecting, analyzing, and disseminating disease information; provide resources to address health care provider shortages, public health workforce development, and assistance to rural communities in addressing service access; development for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and trauma regional systems; integrated services for children with special health care needs; sunrise reviews for health professionals and mandated benefits; monitoring the Hospital and Patient Data System; and providing customer service through the Center for Health Statistics, which issues certified copies of birth, death, divorce, and marriage records to the public.

**Statewide Result Area:** Improve the health of Washington citizens

**Category:** Migrate environmental hazards

FY 2004				FY 2005			
Total	GFS	Other	FTEs	Total	GFS	Other	FTEs
\$24,592,000	\$5,312,000	\$19,280,000	88.1	\$24,640,000	\$5,639,000	\$19,001,000	88.5

#### Expected Results:

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Results of this activity serve to increase the number of new placements of providers practicing in rural or underserved communities from 167 in FY 2003 to 186 by June 2004; develop an efficient, secure system for electronically collecting, analyzing and disseminating public health information to assist public health administrators, managers and planners in response planning and immediate identification of disease trends and incidents; develop new and enhanced electronic surveillance systems for environmental disease, integrating with Washington Electronic Disease Surveillance System and Ecology systems; establish and maintain environmental tracking infrastructure to support project planning and documentation, collaboration, data dissemination, training and evaluation; collect, analyze and distribute statistical reports reflecting inpatient treatments, lengths of stay, diagnosis, costs and patient outcomes to assist hospitals in the efficient use of inpatient treatment resources and tailoring of inpatient services to impede the rise of health care costs; develop and implement an electronic death registration system to provide enhanced services to Washington citizens and provide electronic data reporting and collection of information concerned with causes of death, demographic and geographic incidence; issue certified vital record certificates including marriage, divorce, death and birth certificates at an anticipated biennial volume of 180,342; maintain an archive and central registry of all birth death, divorce and marriage information.

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### Infectious Disease Programs

Infectious Disease Programs focus on sexually transmitted diseases, HIV/AIDS, and tuberculosis. Programs assess the incidence and prevalence of these diseases; pay for drugs and limited medical care for HIV clients; and work with local health agencies, officials, and other organizations to prevent and reduce the effects of these transmittable diseases. DOH contracts with local health agencies and organizations to develop community-specific programs related to health promotion and prevention activities, disease surveillance, investigation, screening, testing, treatment, partner notification, and providing access to medications and health care services for eligible clients. The agency also provides management and coordination of the Governor's Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS (GACHA) and health care provider contracts for case management services to HIV-infected persons on Medicaid.

**Statewide Result Area:** Improve the health of Washington citizens

**Category:** Migrate environmental hazards

FY 2004				FY 2005			
Total	GFS	Other	FTEs	Total	GFS	Other	FTEs
\$43,171,000	\$16,125,000	\$27,046,000	76.5	\$42,877,000	\$17,997,000	\$24,880,000	84.1

### Expected Results:

Results of this activity serve to reduce the incidence and impact of infectious disease such as HIV/AIDS and STDs; in 2002 the program provided more than 28,000 HIV testing and counseling services; enrolled 3,070 clients for drug assistance; provided more than 4,090 HIV care and support services to eligible clients; provided more than 73,000 chlamydia screenings; provided more than 1,300 Medicaid case management services; and issued reports and recommendations for the Governor's Advisory Council on HIV AIDS.

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### Maternal and Child Health

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Maternal and Child Health Programs concentrate on services for women and children, providing health information and education, assessing disease and social factors that affect family health, and developing policy, as well as systems. Staff provides information and data to agencies and organizations in Washington and assists communities in providing effective local programs. Programs contract with many community-based organizations and agencies, purchase vaccines, and pay for food under the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program. These activities help communities support the health of women, infants, children and families, including those with special healthcare needs, by providing food, childhood vaccines, health information, and referral and assessment of health and social factors. The department also coordinates with local programs on oral health, works with providers regarding prenatal issues, and tracks families receiving health information, treatment, and referrals to health care providers. This data is used to improve access to care, family health, and policy decisions. The agency also focuses on collecting data on children over time and using it to identify causes, trends, and interventions for prevention. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Federal, General Fund-Private/Local, Health Services Account-State, various other funds)

**Statewide Result Area:** Improve the health of Washington citizens

**Category:** Increase healthy behaviors

FY 2004				FY 2005			
Total	GFS	Other	FTEs	Total	GFS	Other	FTEs
\$151,154,000	\$12,362,000	\$138,792,000	131.1	\$194,480,000	\$12,849,000	\$181,631,000	132.3

### Expected Results:

Results of this activity improve the health of families, examples include: improved nutritional status and childhood immunization rates; a decrease in low birth weight and infant mortality; improved access to health care and coordination of services; trend data on improvements to perinatal health status; analysis of risky behaviors and access to care; prenatal diagnostic genetic screening to over 800 Medicaid eligible women; increased information on children with birth defects; identification and development of interventions for reducing or preventing birth defects; measurable improvements in child health and safety practices; and family planning services to 125,000 clients.

## Public Health Laboratory

The Public Health Laboratory serves as the primary reference laboratory for the state, providing specialized laboratory services for disease investigations. The lab also supports local health agencies, DOH programs, and the state's health care system with tests that identify naturally occurring diseases. Much of the testing done at the Public Health Laboratory is unique. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is the only source of more advanced testing. Activities include newborn screening tests, testing of environmental and clinical specimens, chemical tests for metals and organic compounds in drinking water and non-water environmental samples, and information technology activities necessary to support critical laboratory capacity.

**Statewide Result Area:** Improve the health of Washington citizens

**Category:** Identify and mitigate health risk factors

FY 2004				FY 2005			
Total	GFS	Other	FTEs	Total	GFS	Other	FTEs
\$11,176,000	\$3,811,000	\$7,365,000	113.2	\$12,389,000	\$3,954,000	\$8,435,000	114.8

### Expected Results:

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This activity will provide rapid, reliable and valid laboratory tests results for over 1.2 million clinical and environmental specimens in SFY 04-05 including results for communicable diseases, shellfish poisoning, water quality, radiation, dirt and foliage sampling; provide results of laboratory tests to local health jurisdictions, clinical laboratories, health care providers, and public health planners and managers; provide 178,000 tests for congenital and inherited metabolic disorders to insure that 100% of the children born in Washington are tested; provide rapid identification of select biological agents and chemical substances in assisting local law enforcement entities to respond to terrorism events and threats; and manage the dietary supplements for 276 statewide patients by providing 9,192 cases of special metabolic formula to avert mental retardation and physical defects in these patients and thereby improving the quality of life of patients and families and reducing the impact on the health care system by averting the expensive supportive care and facilities for developmentally delayed children and young adults.

### Safety and Quality of Health Care Services

The Department of Health regulates health care providers, in conjunction with regulatory boards and commissions and health care facilities, to ensure they meet practice standards, as well as health care and safety standards. Activities involve licensing health care providers, facilities, and services; investigating complaints; and sanctioning health care providers who violate state professional standards. Providers, facilities, and services are monitored for compliance, and public information is provided regarding health care providers and disciplinary actions. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Federal, General Fund-Private/Local, Health Professions Account-State, various other funds)

**Statewide Result Area:** Improve the health of Washington citizens

**Category:** Provide access to appropriate health care

FY 2004				FY 2005			
Total	GFS	Other	FTEs	Total	GFS	Other	FTEs
\$27,871,000	\$1,488,000	\$26,383,000	336.0	\$28,061,000	\$1,534,000	\$26,527,000	338.0

### Expected Results:

Results of this activity serve to ensure that 90 percent of Level 1 and Level 2 hospital complaint investigations are initiated within Medicare timeframes, complete a comprehensive work plan to review all disciplinary processes and prioritize improvements based on the most effective use of resources by June 2004, increase to 97 percent the number of disciplinary orders served within 24 hours of signature by the disciplinary authority, increase to 60 percent the number of disciplinary final orders issued within 60 days of the final regulatory authority decision, answer all calls within 30 seconds at the Customer Service Center, complete and transmit disclosure documents within five days from receipt of the public disclosure request 55 percent of the time, and issue 100 percent of credentials to health care providers within 14 days of receipt of a completed application.

### State Board of Health

The ten-member independent board appointed by the Governor includes the secretary of the DOH, city and county elected officials, local health officers, citizens, and others knowledgeable in health matters. Established in 1889 by the State Constitution, the board develops and adopts rules for most core state and local public health functions, including vital records, disease surveillance and control, environmental health, childhood genetic and other screening, immunization, and other preventive health programs. The board advises state agencies, the public, and the health care community on ways to improve health, offers a public forum on health issues, and participates as a member of the Governor's sub-cabinet. (General Fund-State)

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Total	GFS	Other	FTEs	Total	GFS	Other	FTEs
\$512,000	\$512,000	\$0	6.3	\$522,000	\$522,000	\$0	6.4

## Expected Results:

The State Board of Health develops and adopts rules for most core state and local public health functions including vital records, disease surveillance and control, environmental health, childhood genetic and other screening, immunization and other preventive health programs. The Board participates as a member of the Governor's Health Sub-cabinet which provides guidance on ways to improve health and offers a public forum on health issues.

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